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Opinions regarding the Madras Elementary Education Bill.

* 223 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Does the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise propose to place on the table of the House the opinions so far received on the Madras Elementary Education Bill from officials and non-officials, local bodies and public institutions?

A.—The Government do not propose to publish the opinions received.

Number of Higher Elementary schools in South Kanara.

* 224 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of higher elementary training schools in Malabar and in South Kanara;

(*b*) the number of trained and untrained teachers in the elementary schools of South Kanara;

(*c*) the number of pupil teachers who applied for admission and the number admitted in the higher elementary training school in Mangalore during each of the last three years; and

(*d*) whether the District Educational Council of South Kanara has asked for the opening of another training school in the district and whether the Government have considered this matter?

A.—(*a*)—

	Number of higher elementary training schools for — Masters.	Mistresses.
Malabar	6	3
South Kanara	1 (2 sections).	3

(*b*)—

	Trained teachers.	Untrained teachers.
Boys' schools	1,703	1,797
Girls' schools	286	73

(*c*)—

	Number of candidates who applied for higher elementary training.	Number admitted.
1928	176	80
1929	219	87
1930	338	85

(*d*) Yes. Owing to financial stringency the proposal has not been considered.

Excise

Scheme to start total prohibition in one or two districts.

* 225 Q—Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have a scheme on hand to start total prohibition in one or two districts during the next official year; and

(*b*) if so, whether provision will be made for this in the coming budget?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No; but a start in this direction has been made in selected areas in five districts.

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Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—"May I know, Sir, why Government, in spite of this matter being agitated in this Council for some time, are not prepared to adopt total prohibition at least in one district?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—"On the last occasion when such a resolution was brought up in this Council, it was not passed."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti :—"Is the hon. Minister aware that the scheme of complete prohibition has to be worked out in 20 years?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—"That is the resolution passed by this Council and it is binding on the Government on the Transferred side."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti :—"Has the hon. Minister taken any steps in pursuance of that resolution?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—"Certainly."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti :—"May I know what they are?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—"It is already contained in the answer there."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti :—"Was this done by the present Minister?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—"It is the same policy as before."

Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar :—"Has there been a change in the angle of vision since the vote of the Legislative Council on the budget last year?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—"The angle of vision has been all right."

Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar :—"Has there been any change in the policy?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—"It is the same policy as was adopted by the last Minister."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti :—"Has there been any extension of the area in which prohibition has been adopted?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—"Yes, Sir."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti :—"In how many taluks, Sir?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—"In at least three taluks."

Mr. Yakub Hasan :—"May I know, Sir, whether in view of the resolution that total prohibition should be introduced in twenty years' time, it follows that at least in one district total prohibition should be introduced every year as there are 26 odd districts in the Presidency, so that total prohibition can be established within the period of twenty years?" 12 noon.

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—"It does not follow. It may be that we introduce total prohibition in one district this year, two or three districts next year and so on." (Hon. Members :—"Hear, Hear.)

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Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar.—"May I ask with reference to answers to clauses (*a*) and (*b*) if Government are making any provision for total prohibition in any other area?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"The budget on the receipt side has provided for much less revenue than during the preceding years."

Removal of a toddy shop in Calicut municipality.

* 226 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Excise Licensing Board, Calicut, at one of its meetings adopted a resolution unanimously to shift toddy shop No. 8 in Calicut municipality;

(*b*) whether the shop remains still in the same place in spite of the resolution of the Board;

(*c*) whether the Government have vetoed the resolution of the Board; and

(*d*) whether he will be pleased to place on the table of the House the orders of the Government together with the recommendations of the Commissioner of Excise on the subject?

A.—(*a*) to (*d*) The Government have called for a report.

Powers of Excise Licensing Boards and Advisory Committees.

* 227 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of municipalities and Revenue divisions for which the Excise Licensing Boards and the Excise Advisory Committees respectively have been created since the original scheme creating these bodies for certain areas was sanctioned;

(*b*) whether the powers of these bodies still remain the same as those mentioned in the original scheme; and

(*c*) what the orders of the Government are either extending or limiting the powers of these bodies?

A.—(*a*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 1311, given at the Legislative Council Meeting held on 28th January 1930. Since then, Excise Advisory Committees have been constituted for the Revenue Divisional areas of Amalapuram and Chidambaram in the East Godavari and South Arcot districts, respectively.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The Government have not limited the powers of these bodies. They have extended them in certain directions in the notifications mentioned below:—

(i) Government Notification No. 153, dated 27th April 1929, published at page 815 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 7th May 1929;